



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Population: Questions on Class of Worker, Industry, and Occupation (P- 35-40)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT CLASS OF WORKER, INDUSTRY, AND OCCUPATION

- The Veterans Benefits Administration uses these data to help register, counsel, train, and place eligible veterans at local employment offices.
- The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission uses these data to determine representation within an employment category.
- The Department of Justice uses these data to enforce nondiscrimination in employment by federal, state, and local governments.
- The Department of Education uses these data to analyze career trends and options in the United States.
- Corporations and individuals use these data to develop business plans and to determine demographic characteristics of an area where they plan to start a business.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA ABOUT CLASS OF WORKER, INDUSTRY, AND OCCUPATION

- Social Security Act
- Public Health Service Act
- Workforce Investment Act of 1998

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

QUESTIONS AS THEY APPEAR IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

K Answer questions 35-40 ONLY if this person worked in the past 5 years. Otherwise, SKIP to question 41.

35-40 CURRENT OR MOST RECENT JOB ACTIVITY.
Describe clearly this person's chief job activity or business last week. If this person had more than one job, describe the one at which this person worked the most hours. If this person had no job or business last week, give information for his/her last job or business.

35 Was this person –
Mark (X) ONE box.

☐ an employee of a PRIVATE FOR PROFIT company or business, or of an individual, for wages, salary, or commissions?

☐ an employee of a PRIVATE NOT FOR PROFIT, tax-exempt, or charitable organization?

☐ a local GOVERNMENT employee (city, county, etc.)?

☐ a state GOVERNMENT employee?

☐ a Federal GOVERNMENT employee?

☐ SELF-EMPLOYED in own NOT INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?

☐ SELF-EMPLOYED in own INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?

☐ working WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm?

36 For whom did this person work?
If now on active duty in the Armed Forces, mark (X) this box → ☐ and print the branch of the Armed Forces.
Name of company, business, or other employer

37 What kind of business or industry was this?
Describe the activity at the location where employed.
(For example: hospital, newspaper publishing, mail order house, auto engine manufacturing, bank)

38 Is this mainly – Mark (X) one box.

☐ manufacturing?

☐ wholesale trade?

☐ retail trade?

☐ other (agriculture, construction, service, government, etc.)?

39 What kind of work was this person doing? (For example: registered nurse, personnel manager, supervisor of order department, secretary, accountant)

40 What were this person's most important activities or duties? (For example: patient care, directing hiring policies, supervising order clerks, typing and filing, reconciling financial records)



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HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF WORKER, INDUSTRY, AND OCCUPATION QUESTIONS

- Questions on class of worker have been asked since 1910; occupation since 1850; and industry in 1820, 1840, and again from 1910-1990.
- The question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

These questions describe the work activity and occupational skills of the American labor force. *Class of worker* refers to the type of employment such as private, government, self-employed, or working as an unpaid family worker. This information provides a consistent approach to classifying individuals into specific industries and occupations based on standard detailed classification systems. *Industry* is the kind of business in which an individual works, while *occupation* is the kind of work that the individual does.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at:

<<http://factfinder.census.gov>>

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